

## **Fall Creek Falls State Resort Park** **Special Events 2003**

*From 15km races, backpacking trips, bicycle excursions, to rock climbing workshops, Fall Creek Falls State Park offers activities for the whole family throughout the year. No matter where your interest lies, Fall Creek has something for you.*

### **March 8<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***FCF Thaw 15km Run & Weekend Excursion***

This is a 15km run traversing one of the most beautiful areas in the eastern US. Entry forms are available from the park. A special package rate has been set for those staying for the Awards Banquet Saturday night. The price includes one night lodging in Fall Creek Inn, the Banquet meal, and breakfast on Sunday morning. Contact Fall Creek Inn for reservations.

### **April 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***22<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage***

This is a very special weekend! We get to explore the park and see many wildflowers and breathtaking views. A variety of hikes, workshops, driving tours, and slideshows will be offered.

### **April 19<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***Easter Weekend***

Join us in the Village Area for an Easter egg hunt on Saturday. A morning sunrise service will be offered at Millikans Overlook on Sunday Morning.

### **May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***Lady Slipper Weekend***

Cinderella's shoe? No, but the beautiful orchids of Fall Creek are something to behold. A variety of hikes will be offered to discover the Pink Lady Slippers, and more!

### **Memorial Day through Labor Day**

#### ***Summer Season at Fall Creek Fall***

Softball, nature hikes, cave trips, canoe floats, campfires, horseback riding, and good bluegrass music are just some of the weekly events that mark our summer season. Interpretive and recreational events are scheduled seven days a week.

### **May 31<sup>st</sup> & June 1<sup>st</sup>**

#### ***Spring Rock Climbing Workshop***

First comes instruction in basic knots, harnesses, and techniques, and then we meet some of the milder bluffs and boulders of the park. There is a fee for this event for more info and to pre-register call (423) 881-5708.

### **July 4<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***Fourth of July Celebration***

Dress up your car, your bike, or yourself, for the "traditional" parade which ends in Campground A. After watermelon and cake, we will move onto the field for events such as sack races, the egg toss, the water balloon toss, and other family favorites.

### **August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

#### ***Adventure Race***

Challenge your endurance in a race that consists of running, mountain biking, swimming, orienteering and rappelling. If interested contact River Sports in Knoxville at (865) 523-0066 or e-mail [riversportsadventures.com](mailto:riversportsadventures.com)

### **September 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***25<sup>th</sup> Annual Mountaineer Folk Festival***

Handmade crafts, traditional mountain music, and demonstrations of pioneer skills are just part of the fun. Country cooking, bluegrass music, and different exhibits round out the jam-packed schedule.

### **September 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>**

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### **October 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***Fall Colors Weekend***

Join us on bicycle tours, guided hikes, and slideshows focusing on the autumn splendor of Fall Creek Falls.

### **October 25<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***Wild Foods Day***

Field trips identifying edible wild plants and workshops on preparing wild meats and breads are just part of the activities. The real treat comes in enjoying the wild feast.

### **October 31<sup>st</sup>**

#### ***Halloween at Fall Creek***

Join us as a goblin, ghoul, specter, or spook for a safe and enjoyable way to spend Halloween while being able to enjoy the beauty of Fall Creek Falls. For more info, call the Nature Center at (423) 881-5708.

## **November 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**

### ***Backpacking at Fall Creek***

This is a thirteen mile trek through some of the more remote portions of the park. This hike is for both beginning and experienced backpackers. You must sign up at the Nature Center by Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. Fee is \$10.00

## **December 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>**

### ***Christmas on the Mountain***

A weekend of Yuletide fun and food, Christmas Carols, and gifts for the little ones. Activities for children and adults alike include traditional Christmas decorating, tea parties, and a two-day mountain craft show. Don't be surprised if Saint Nick drops in.

*Fall Creek Falls State Resort Park, situated on the Western Edge of the Cumberland Plateau, contains over 22,000 acres of rugged beauty. Inside the park are both first class recreational facilities and, untrammelled pristine wilderness. A Naturalist is on duty year round to provide orientation slideshows of the park. Fifty miles of trails, including twenty-five miles of backpacking trails, and twenty miles of biking trails, lead the visitor away from the roads and into the wilderness at Fall Creek. Questions relating to the programs above should be addressed to the Nature Center, Fall Creek Falls State Park, Route 3, Pikeville, TN, 37367. Phone (423) 881-5708. Cabins and rooms can be reserved at Fall Creek Inn by calling (423) 881-5241/1-800-250-8610.*



**Attention Educators:** The Fall Creek Falls Environmental Education Center is a great opportunity for children to learn about and experience the outdoors. We offer various types of educational programs, including cave trips, creek studies, and ecology/geology lessons just to name a few. We have 2 ½ day and 5 day packages that include programs, lodging, and food. For more information, contact the Nature Center at (423) 881-5708.

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